

# ANTELOPE VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB



# Vette Voice

## Gambler's Classic Car Show April 15-17 2011 Laughlin, Nevada



### LAUGHLIN 2011 By Howard & Nelly

Four Corvettes left the Rite Aid parking lot in Rosamond at 10:30am. Jim & Janie, Jim & Leona, John & Lorri and Howard & Nelly were on their way to Laughlin. We headed to Peggy Sue's for lunch where we met up with Larry & Erica. There were lots of Corvettes in the parking lot when we left. Apparently other clubs thought it was a good place to stop too. Our now five car caravan then headed towards the I-40 freeway to continue on our way. We added a sixth Corvette to our group when John & Anita caught up with us when we stopped at Ludlow for a potty break. After a nice and uneventful drive, we arrived at our hotel a little after 4pm.

We checked in under the Parker group and were all put on the 16<sup>th</sup> floor. After we had settled in and gambled a little (with Augie winning \$500 on his first pull at the slots), it was time for dinner at the Prime Rib Room. Augie & Darlene were waiting for us and had a pleasant surprise – they had brought Rick & Sheri with them. We all had a great dinner and then it was time for more gambling!

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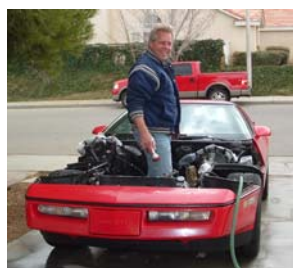
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Articles that pertain to Corvettes, A.V.C.C members, or the Antelope Valley are always welcomed. Contact Lorri Parker (661) 305-4589 or via E-Mail at LPvette lover@aol.com or visit our website at: [www.avcorvettes.com](http://www.avcorvettes.com) for more information.

The Antelope Valley Corvette Club is a non-profit organization formed by those who are proud of America's greatest and longest lived sports car, the legendary CORVETTE! We are the true meaning of "pride of ownership". Annual membership dues are \$36 per year, per member (\$60 per couple) with a one time initiation fee of \$10 per member.

Also, required to join the Antelope Valley Corvette Club, members must join our national organization of National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC).

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## A Message from the President...

Hi Gang!

April was a busy month for many club members. We had the Brown Elephant Auction & dinner at Walt & Ginger's, a tremendous turnout of 21 AVCC Corvettes at the last 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday cruise-in, and in mid April, nine couples made the run out to the Gambler's Classic in Laughlin. And even though we've been having great participation from our membership, there are still a few faces that are seen way too infrequently. You know who you are! :) So unless you just like to drive your Corvette all by yourself, come on out and join us on our next group outing and take part in the fun that you've been missing!

Another reason to get out and participate is the fact that our club just experienced a sudden growth spurt in April. Yes, we added 8 more members; four new members and four returning members joined the club. I'd like to welcome our new couples John & Hilary, and Bruce & Diane. And also welcome back Stu & Jo Lynn, and Rick & Sheri who just recently rejoined. I'm guessing it's been about 5 or 6 years since Stu & Jo were club members, and Rick & Sheri rejoined while we were in Laughlin at the Gambler's Classic. Welcome back guys!

Also, we had the pleasure of meeting new prospective members Ron & Gail at our last club social. They own a beautiful pewter C5 and they came out to help support the club at the last 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Cruise-in. So we've got a great group of new friends coming into the club and some great old friends returning, which is fantastic for the Corvette hobby and our organization.

In closing, I want to thank everyone who came out and spent the entire day at the last Rancho Vista cruise-in, and also thank those who went on the Laughlin run for a great trip. Congratulations to all the trophy winners in our club, including yours truly. You can read more about our Laughlin trip in Howard & Nelly's front page newsletter article. But just know this—AVCC isn't just making a showing here in the AV, we had our presence known at the Riverside in Laughlin too – We kicked ass & took names!

AVCC ROCKS!

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## Upcoming Events - 2011

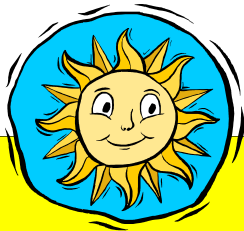
**Bold** indicates planned club participation.

May	
<b>May 1</b>	<b>Corvettes of Temecula Valley—Sanctioned People's Choice car show in Old Town Temecula</b>
<b>May 4</b>	<b>AVCC Business Meeting - Greenhouse Café in Lancaster 7:00 p.m. Dinner starts at 6:00.</b>
May 7	<u>NCCC West Coast Regional Governor's Meeting - Victorville</u>
May 14	<b>Corvettes of San Diego-8th Annual Corvette Dreamin' car show and concours at Mission bay Park in San Diego-Proceeds will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation</b>
May 15	34th Annual Plastic Fantastic Car show in San Diego
<b>May 18</b>	<b>AVCC Social - Giannini's Bistro in Lancaster - 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Pomona Valley Corvette Assoc.—Sanctioned Event Rally</b>
<b>May 28</b>	<b>Rancho Vista 4th Saturday Cruise-in 5pm—9pm</b>

June	
<b>June 1</b>	<b>AVCC Business Meeting - Place to be determined 7:00 p.m. Dinner starts at 6:00.</b>
June 4 - 5	<u>Huntington Beach Concours Car Show</u>
<b>June 4 - 5</b>	<b>6 event High speed timed trials in Pahrump, NV—Corvette Super Sports</b>
June 5	<u>Pomona Swap Meet</u>
<b>June 5</b>	<b>Sanctioned concours hosted by O.C. Vettes—part of the Huntington Beach concours D'Elegance</b>
<b>June 11 - 12</b>	<b><u>Thunder on the Lot - AV Fair Grounds</u></b>
<b>June 11</b>	<b>36th Annual People's Choice car show at Ruby's Diner. The Vette Set Sanctioned car show</b>
<b>June 15</b>	<b>AVCC Social - Place to be Determined - 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>June 18</b>	<b>Antelope Valley Corvette Club's 1st Annual Car &amp; Bike Show in Lancaster, Ca. at the JetHawks Stadium</b>

## July

July 2	11th Annual Drive Your Corvette to Work Day
July 6	AVCC business Meeting - Place to be determined 7:00 p.m. Dinner starts at 6:00p.m.
July 8-10	Corvettes West 29th Annual Big Bear Bash - Sanctioned event
July 12-16	Black Hills Corvette Classic - South Dakota
July 20	AVCC Social - Place to be Determined - 6:30 p.m.
July 23	Caliente/Kernville Run
July 23	Two low speed autocrosses at Hancock College in Lompoc, Ca - Vapor Trail Vettes



## SUNSHINE REPORT

### BIRTHDAYS

#### May

6- Joel P.  
 24-Leona M.  
 25-Dean E.  
 27-Rick A.

#### June

18-Ginger W.  
 21-Helen G.  
 27-Janie K,  
 28-Bruce F.  
 30-Steve K,

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### May

1- Jim & Janie  
 1- John & Anita  
 14-Gerald & Stevette  
 18-Bill & Manette

#### June

1- Rick & Wendy  
 5- Rick & Sheri  
 10-Jim & Leona  
 30-Steve & Judy

Antelope Valley Corvette Club Meeting  
Minutes  
April 6, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

John P called to order the regular meeting of the Antelope Valley Corvette Club at 7:00 p.m. at the Texas Cattle Company Restaurant.

II. GUESTS

Welcome to Stu & Jo, John & Hilary, Bruce & Diane.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were available through Newsletter e-mail and on the club website's Newsletter link for members to read prior to the meeting. Motion to approve the March minutes was passed with the correction of Treasurer's report balance not approved due to balance not being available at the March meeting.

PRESIDENT'S TIME

Old Business:

Brown Elephant auction raised \$558.50 and the dinner raised \$180 before expenses. Thanks to Walt and Ginger for hosting. The food and fellowship was great along with some heated bidding wars all in fun. Augie followed up on his visit to Oak Tree Shooting Range. The lady in charge was not in so he was told to get info off the website. He said he'll check back again with the lady to see if any discounts were available for our group. Available dates were May 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> and with a show of hands the 7<sup>th</sup> was decided for that activity.

Phil report again on the club logo for jackets. The lady in Lancaster could use the photo on the newsletter and make logo much better looking than old logo in past. He'll get pricing.

Jim H. gave pricing on Club stickers for rear windows. \$5.50 for small stencils and \$9 for large ones. Pay Pal account not set up yet.

New Business:

John P. discussed that the new management at Texas Cattle Co wanted us to put up a \$50 deposit so we'd commit to at least 15 people at our meetings there or forfeit the deposit. A suggestion to check on Greenhouse Café to see what they had to offer our club for future business meeting place was met with club approval. It was agreed to have the next club social at the Green House Café to check their menu out and meeting space.

John P states new club photo will be set on June 18<sup>th</sup> at the JetHawks parking lot prior to our Car Show. John P to get a website link with Foxfire Club Store so our members can order items with our club logo on it. 1<sup>st</sup> logo set-up is free and 2<sup>nd</sup> will be \$75. Nelly suggests ordering something first to see how well they do before recommending it.

Jim H motioned to include club stickers for rear windows in the new member's welcome package. The new members can pick out the color and size they want. Motion was approved to do this.

Jim H to check on name badges to help new club members (and old) with everyone's names.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report for March balance of \$2,908.49 was approved.

VI. ACTIVITIES

John G passed out a club activity sheet showing current activities with Club activities highlighted in yellow scheduled throughout the year. He stated Gamblers Classic was planned for this month and hopefully everyone going had already signed up. Remember the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Rancho Vista "Cruise In" where we need to make a presence to promote our June Car Show. Thanks to those that attended the last one. It was a little cold and windy but band and raffle prizes were good. Thunder on the Lot scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> which is sponsored by one of our big supporters Harley Davidson. Some activities not scheduled are the Temecula car show, not a club event but if interested let him know. There are 7 NCCC events to consider. June 12<sup>th</sup> Corvettes & Classics on the Beach, Lake Tahoe run June 24 - 26. July 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> is the Big Bear Bash – will provide more info on that for those interested.

Antelope Valley Corvette Club Meeting

Minutes

April 6, 2011 Continued...

John G states the survey he passed around last business meeting showed the following activities by favorite order: 1<sup>st</sup> Progressive Dinner and Bingo tied, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bowling, 3<sup>rd</sup> Caliente run, 4<sup>th</sup> NHRA Museum. John looking to set dates for future activities after July to complete year's activities.

VII. NCCC REPORT

Howard reports nothing new for this month.

VIII. SUNSHINE REPORT

Darlene wished everyone Happy April Birthdays and Anniversaries. See newsletter for list. Also reports Wendy had back surgery that she heard went well. Flowers were sent by club to her.

IX. NEWS EDITOR

Lorri asks for recipes and jokes if you have them. See April Newsletter at [www.avcorvettes.com](http://www.avcorvettes.com) for events and copy of minutes.

X. MISCELLANEOUS

Darlene/Augie won the 50/50 \$35.

Jim H reminded to email out sponsors that have made raffle donations so they are not contacted again by other club members.

XI. Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Bank Balance as of April 25, 2011 is \$4829.37

**Funny Stuff  
Corner ...**

**Bottle of Wine**

A woman and a man are involved in a car accident on a snowy, cold Monday morning; it's a bad one. Both of their cars are totally demolished, but amazingly neither of them is hurt. God works in mysterious ways.

After they crawl out of their cars, the man is yelling about women drivers.

The woman says, "So, you're a man. That's interesting. I'm a woman. Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but we're unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should be friends and live in peace for the rest of our days."

Flattered, the man replies, "Oh yes, I agree completely, this must be a sign from God! But you're still at fault...women shouldn't be allowed to drive."

The woman continues, "And look at this, here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished but this bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune." She hands the bottle to the man.

The man nods his head in agreement, opens it and drinks half the bottle and then hands it back to the woman.

The woman takes the bottle, puts the cap back on and hands it back to the man.

The man asks, "Aren't you having any?"

The woman replies, "No, I think I'll just wait for the police to show up!"

**MORAL OF THE STORY:** Women can be clever, evil bitches. Don't mess with them!

## LAUGHLIN 2011 Continued...

By Howard & Nelly

The next morning 5 couples drove to Kingman for breakfast at Cracker Barrel. Besides a good breakfast, they were having a sale in their gift shop and Sheri & Nelly couldn't resist buying something for their granddaughters. That afternoon Darlene, Janie, Sheri and Nelly went to the outlet mall down the street from the hotel and did some more shopping – but they did save a lot of money.

Friday evening and it was time for the dinner & show. By then John & Hillary had joined the group. The food was pretty good and the show by Hot Lava wasn't bad. Many of us had seen their show before and the ladies were disappointed that the young guys weren't in the show this time. After dinner it was time for more gambling.

Saturday morning and it was time for the poker run to Oatman and back. Some didn't go, some went part way and some went the whole way. Unfortunately, none of us won with our poker hands. Once everyone was back, it was time to clean up our cars and get ready for the car show. There were 275 cars registered, most of them C5s & C6s. We spent our time looking at cars, voting on our favorites, passing out flyers for our car show, and visiting with old and new friends. Towards the end, everyone met inside at the Sidewalk Café to cool down and have a cold one – beer, soda, ice cream. Rick & Sheri were having such a good time that they renewed their club membership. Welcome back Rick & Sheri!!

Then it was time to clean up and head upstairs to see what raffle prizes and trophies we would win. And win we did!! The club won about 13 raffle prizes and John G was very excited about the bird house that he won. When it was time for the trophies, AVCC was well represented! John & Hilary won 1<sup>st</sup> in the C2 class, John & Lorri won 1<sup>st</sup> in the C3 class, Jim & Leona came in 4<sup>th</sup> in the C5 class, and John & Anita came in 4<sup>th</sup> in the C6 class! Corvettes of Bakersfield even asked if we were going to need them to bring home all of the stuff we had won. Four trophies out of 7 cars registered – way to go AVCC!!

Once we put the trophies and prizes away, we headed next door to the Aquarius casino and had dinner at Outback. With 18 people we kept our server busy. After dinner it was back to the hotel and more gambling.

Sunday morning we all (minus John & Hilary who headed home early) met at IHOP on the other side of the river and had breakfast. Then some got gas and we all checked out of the hotel. After a quick stop to take a group picture in front of the Riverside Casino sign, we were headed home. Traffic wasn't bad and we managed to stay together until we got to Barstow. Some of us stopped for a quick lunch and then we all arrived home safely.

I don't think anyone won much at gambling, but we all had a great time. If you missed this trip, there will be another one in 2012.

# Gambler's Classic Car Show Laughlin, Nevada Continued...



Taking a pit stop on our way



Oh! A room with a view!



Howard & Nelly's convertible



Some pretty wild Vettes in Laughlin



John & Lorri's 82



A few early models



John & Anita's C6 Z06



Great Friends! Erica & Lorri



John, Hilary & puppy - 1st Place C2!



John & Lorri - 1st Place in C3!



Leona picking up 4th Place in C5



John & Anita - 4th Place in C6!



Showing off the hardware!



One last shot before we leave



Objects in mirror are much cooler than they appear

# Brown Elephant Auction April 2, 2011



We all gathered at Walt and Ginger's beautiful home for the Brown Elephant Auction. After a delicious dinner of Lasagna and lots of desserts, we got started with the auction. The bidding began and the money was flowing until all of the bags had been purchased. We raised a good sum of money and had fun doing it!



Larry, our auctioneer looks confused!



You guys look relaxed!



Lots of visiting going on!



Jim & Janie waiting patiently



Erica wins the Mako poster...Grrr!



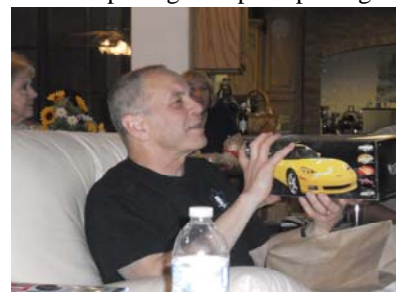
Diane opening a surprise package



John G. gets a Fuelie!



JP gets a nice Snap-on set!



Walt offering 1 last prize for auction



Bruce gets the 57 poster!



John P. is high bidder for the C6-R



Anita, John & Erica having fun

## 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Cruise-in at Ranch Vista

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> the Antelope Valley Corvette Club made our presence known in the valley by having 21 club member owned Corvettes on hand for the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Cruise-in. Plus a couple more Corvette enthusiasts join in by parking amongst our group, which only enhanced the club's presence. The weather was a big improvement over last month's show which may have contributed in attracting over 100 participants. Nevertheless, we made up close to 25% of the cars attending. Great job AVCC!

The event was a great opportunity for all of us to get together and visit with each other and also hand out a lot of AVCC car show flyers. The day was capped off with Rick A. winning 1<sup>st</sup> Place for Best Corvette. Congrats Rick!



Look at all the pretty Vettes!



Seen any red Corvettes?



Howard & Nelly's



Augie's modified C4



Jim & Leona's cool Chevelle!



Diane, Bruce & Gail visiting



Even more Corvettes!



Rick—Proud winner!

## AVCC RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### OREO TRUFFLES

By Janie H.



1 bag Oreo Cookies, regular  
1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese , room temperature

2 (12-oz.) bags dark chocolate chips

Put entire bag of Oreo cookies in a food processor or mixer. Mix until Oreos are fine crumbs. Reserve a small amount of the crumbled Oreos to top the truffles with. Mix in cream cheese thoroughly. Melt chocolate chips in the microwave - follow melting directions on package. Roll the Oreo mixture into small balls and then dip into melted chocolate. ( I found using 2 spoons made the process a lot easier and less messy) Place balls on waxed paper and top with Oreo crumbs. Keep refrigerated for best results.



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